

# The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Monday, November 9, 1730.

Our last arriv'd a Mail from France, and two up from Flanders.

Wye's Letter Verbatim, London, Nov. 3.

**W**E are assured that two 40 Gun Ships will soon be put in Commission for the Guinea Service, which will secure the Trade of our Merchants in those Parts, who have been very much annoyed by the Spanish Guard de Costas, and on the other hand, our South Sea Company have been as much imposed upon, particularly with respect to their annual Ship *Prince William* waiting so long for the *Schedula* and an Agent to measure her; and at the same Time ordering the Fair at Portobello to be held there sooner than ever was known by several Months, which Usage the Company did not expect, when they agreed upon their Address of Thanks to his Majesty, for concluding an absolute Peace, &c. with the King of Spain. We hear that a Committee of Wool-combers, and 2 eminent Holiers of this City, were last Night at a Tavern near St. James's, with the Rt. Hon. the Lord Harrington, and some other Lords of the Treasury, about a Scheme which will be presented to the House in the ensuing Session, for preserving and improving the Woollen Manufacture, which is of the greatest Importance to the Trade of this Nation. 'Tis said in particular, that Wool of 100 l. in Value, will, when manufactured, yield 2000 l.

As to the vile Incendiaries, we are every Day filled more and more with Apprehensions and Surprise at the Accounts concerning them, of which we have since our last received the following, viz. from Bristol of the 31st past, that Major Prater of the Groom, had a Letter sent him by the Incendiaries, demanding a Sum of Money, upon Pain of being murdered, and his House burnt; that thereupon the Town rose to a great Number, and made a general Search, and were resolved, if they found any Strangers of a certain Nation, who could not give a good Account of themselves, to tear them in Pieces; but they heard of no body being taken

up. From Monmouth, That divers Persons were committed to Goal there, on Suspicion. From Gloucester, That Letters have been sent to several Gentlemen in that City; particularly one to Mr. Hagues a Grocer. From Westminster they write, That Letters have been sent in that Town, demanding Money to be left in Places directed therein; and from Exeter, That on the 30th past at Night, while the Chamberlain was at the Guild-hall drinking the King's Health, a Servant of Mr. Newcomb, one of the Gentlemen of the said Chamber, brought in a Paper, containing these Words, Mr. Newcomb, please to put 2 Guineas under one of the Casks on the Stall, else prepare for the worst, Fire is a dreadful Thing! remember Mr. Packer at Bristol. That another Letter was sent to Mr. Whight, of the said City of Exeter, ordering him to put 6 Guineas under a particular Stone, near St. Mary's Church, threatening in case of Refusal, Death and Fire. The Chamber hereupon met next Morning, to take the most proper Measures under the present Juncture.

There is a very melancholly Account from Newport in Wales, 31 Persons having, on the 27th past, at 9 in the Morning, perished, by the over-setting of one of the Vessels belonging to the Town. Amongst them were several young Ladies going to Bristol for Pleasure, others were Traders, and some Farmers.

We hear that the whole State of the Quarrel, together with what happened thereupon last Saturday Morning at the Bank of England, betwixt Sir John Shadwell and Colonel Onslow, is laid before his Majesty.

P. S. By the Holland Mail we learn, that 20,000 Imperial Troops more were ordered to be in readiness to march to Italy: That Mons. Negrony, Treasurer General to the late Pope, was fled away to France; and that Mons. Hat, Lieutenant General of the Prussian Gens d'Arms, was condemned to be beheaded, as supposed on the Affair of the Prince Royal.

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The Spanish Man of War lately lost near Jamaica, in her Passage from New to Old Spain, had on board 1,100,000 Pieces of Eight; and most of the Ships belonging to Jamaica are gone to fish on her Wreck. She had likewise on board, as Prisoners, the Governors of several Places in Spanish America, who were sent for by his Catholick Majesty.

*From the Daily Post-Boy, Nov. 3.*

*Paris, Nov. 3.* The News we have from Prussia directly differs from what we meet with in the Dutch and English Prints: Our Advices say, that his Prussian Majesty appears determined to proceed in the Affair of the Prince his Son, having been examined very strictly on several nice Points. But it is possible his Majesty may alter his Mind.

They write from Bourdeaux, that the Duke of Kingston and Lord Weymouth, 2 English Lords, are expected there instantly.

*Hague, Oct. 31.* For what concerns the general System of Affairs, we are well assured the Allies of Seville will make their last Efforts during the Winter, to bring the Imperial Court into a friendly Accommodation with that of Spain; in default whereof, they will unite their Forces by Sea and Land to put an End to the Differences between the principal Powers, and, like so many Alexanders, to cut the Gordian Knot: But we have here a Set of Politicians, that are far from promising themselves the desired Success in the Execution of this plausible Scheme; upon the Reflexion, that very often it has been found, that the different Views of the contracting Powers in these great Alliances have produced Effects quite contrary to what they proposed to themselves. Let that be as it will, our Letters from Vienna intimate, that there is much whispering of a Suspension of Arms for some Years between the Emperor and the King of Spain, and that every thing tends to an Accommodation between those two Princes. They even insinuate as if the Queen of Spain was more intent than ever upon closing with his Imperial Majesty; and that the Infante Don Carlos, who for his Age is a very ingratiating Prince, and attracts the Love of every body that sees him, will be sent to the Court of Vienna, to imitate the Austrian Maxims and Manners, and in due Time to marry one of the Emperor's Daughters, (the Queen his Mother's Darling Thought, and only Point of Sight) till he may live there with Solidity, unless the Death of the Great Duke of Tuscany, or the Duke of Parma should call him to

take possession of either of those Dutchies in the mean while.

It is very likely, that the Duke of Mecklenburg will be obliged after all to submit himself to his Imperial Majesty's Clemency, before he can resume the Administration of his Government in Form; the Czarina of Muscovy, his Sister-in-law, shewing no Inclination to embroil herself with the Emperor, and much less with the Empire, upon his Account.

From Paris they write, that a certain Abbot, who is look'd upon there by some as an Agent of the Chevalier de St. George, was the Occasion of preventing the Effect of the Cabal lately formed against the Cardinal Minister: But whether he was or was not, is no great Matter, as long as the Design miscarried.

*From the Evening Post, Nov. 3.*

*Paris, Nov. 8.* The Grand Council which the King held at Versailles with the Ministers of State, and all the Princes of the Blood, upon the Commission of the Marquis de Castelaer, immediately after his Excellency's Audience, has occasioned various Speculations; but nothing certain touching the Result thereof, has yet reached the Bars of the Publick.

*Leyden, Nov. 7.* They tell us from Vienna, that the Arrival of Count Merci and the other Generals is daily expected, in order to come to a final Determination what certain Augmentation of the Emperor's Forces will be needful against Spring.

We hear from Prussia, that the King had pardoned a Roman Catholick Soldier who was sent to be hang'd next Day, at the Desire of the Elector of Cologne's Envoy.

We hear from Dresden, that since the Failure of the Diet of Grodn, the King of Poland had sent Orders for his Saxon Troops to be considerably augmented.

*Paris, Nov. 10.* Yesterday the L. Waldegrave, Ambassador of G. Britain, had an Audience of his Majesty, and afterwards conferred with Cardinal Fleury, upon the Contents of some Dispatches he lately had from his Court.

They write from Naples, that vast Quantities of Provisions and Stores have been brought thither from several Parts of Italy, that the Kingdom may be in a formidable Posture of Defence, in case the Spaniards do attempt any thing against it.

We hear from Rome, that the Pope has sent a very



very paternal Letter to his Portuguese Majesty, expressing his great Concern that the Differences between the two Courts should have so long subsisted; but withal, that he was mightily pleased with the happy Accommodation which had ensued since his Accession to the Chair.

*Kingston in Jamaica, Aug. 30.* In order to rectify a Mistake, That slaves become free by their being in England, or by being Baptized, it has been thought proper to consult the King's Attorney and Solicitor General in England thereupon, who gave the following Opinion, viz.

\* We are of Opinion, That a Slave, by coming from the West Indies to Great Britain or Ireland, either with or without his Master, doth not become free; and that his Master's Property or Right in him is not thereby determined or varied: And that Baptism does not bestow Freedom on him, nor make any Alteration in his Temporal Condition in these Kingdoms. We are also of Opinion, that his Master may legally compel him to return again to the Plantations.

Jan. 14, 1729.

P. YORK.

C. TALBOT.

*London, Nov. 3.* We hear that the West Roads are so infested with Highwaymen, that a certain West Country Attorney (near 7 Foot high) coming to Town in order to be Sworn, together with 9 or 10 more of his Brethren, thro' Fear of being robb'd, left his Pistols (being capp'd with Silver) his Landlord at Sarum.

It having been inserted in the News-papers, that a Quarrel happened last Saturday at the Bank, between a certain Colonel and a Knight, (a Physician) when the former drew his Sword, the latter having struck him; we are now informed the same was a Mistake; and that on the contrary, the Colonel struck the Physician, on account of an Affront received from him.

The Lady of the late Lord Viscount Bolingbrook landed at Dover last Sunday from France.

They write from Maidstone in Kent, that on Sunday Night last about 10 o'clock appeared Flashes of Lightnings which continued with Thunder and Rain till 2 Yesterday Morning; when there happened a great Clap of Thunder and Lightning, so that the Church Steeple was set on Fire, and great Part of it burnt, by which the Church was in danger of being consum'd; but the inhabitants got it extinguished by 9 o'clock.

We hear his Majesty has approved a Plan for building a Royal Mansion-house in Hyde Park; and

Orders are given for carrying it on with the utmost Expedition, under the Direction of William Ripley, Esq;

On the 10th past died at Boulogne in France, John Ker of Frogton, Esq; a Scots Gentleman, aged about 20. He was long in a lingering Consumption. His Estate falls to his two Sisters.

*COUPAR, OR. 27, 1730.*

The JUSTICES OF PEACE, HERITORS, and FREEHOLDERS of the Shire of FIFE, being this Day conven'd in a very frequent Meeting; taking into their Consideration the great Damage the Country sustains by the Importing and Using of Brandy and other Foreign Spirits; whereby much Money is taken out of the Country, and the Prices of our Grain greatly diminished: DID unanimously Resolve, 1, That from and after the 25th Day December next, they should not buy or use in their Families, nor drink in other Houses, publick or private, any Brandy or Foreign Spirits, whether plain, or in Mixture with other Liquor. 2, That they should use their utmost Endeavours for discouraging the Importing or Vending of Brandy or other Foreign Spirits; and for that End, should make it a Clause in the Tacks of any publick Houses in their Grounds, That their Tenants should not Vend any Brandy or Foreign Spirits, under the Pain of forfeiting their Tacks. 3, That they should be active and diligent in discovering any Brandy or Foreign Spirits that may be imported without paying the King's Duty; and should order their Tenants and Others living on their respective Grounds, not to be aiding or assisting to any Person in the Running, Concealing or Transporting of Brandy or other Foreign Spirits; or Receiving the same into their Houses, Officehouses, or other Places belonging to them; and that they should also order their said Tenants to inform and discover any Quantities of the said Spirits that they may know of, in order to have the same seized; and that the said Gentlemen themselves, should also discover, and give all the Information and Assistance they can, for making such Seizures. 4, That they should not frequent any publick House or Tavern, where they may know or suspect such Spirits to be vendid. 5, The MEETING also Unanimously Resolved, That from and after this Date, they would not buy any Foreign Linn: And they do earnestly Recommend to the other Heritors of the Shire (not present,) That they will comply with the above Resolutions, and concur in making the same effectual.

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**Edinburgh, Nov. 6.** Last Week died at Hawthornden, Sir Charles Miln or Barnton, Bart. a Captain in Col. Cadogan's Regiment of Foot. We hear his Corpse will be interr'd this Day in the Parish Kirk of Laswade.

On Saturday Morning last one Baillie Glasford of Paisley was found dead at a Cellar Door in Dumbbar's Close, Lawn-market; and we are told there were Marks of Violence and Robbery about him. However, one Panton, who keeps a Cookery at the Head of Stephen Law's Close, is taken up on Suspicion.

We should have observed last Week the signal Rejoicings of the Towns of Musselburgh and Fisherrow on his Majesty's Birthday: Among others, the Magistrates and Town-Council, accompanied by Capt. D'Arkay, Capt. Douglas, Capt. Beane, Dr. Hudson, &c. went to the Cross, and drank the Royal Healths, while Mr. Samson, Engineer in Ordinary to the Burgh, plaid off curious Fire-works, &c. At Night both Towns were illuminate, which closed with Mirth, Music and Dancing.

Tomorrow (the 11th Day of the Moon) 'tis High Water at Leith, at 11 o' Clock, 3 Min. Wednesday, at 11, 51 Min. Thursday at 12, 39 Min.

### ADVERTISEMENT S.

That *This Day*, being the 9th Instant, at 10 of the Clock before Noon, at the Shop immediately on the East-side at the Head of Niddery's Wynd: There is to be Sold by publick Roup, all Sorts of *Lame and Glass Ware, Garden Seeds, Garden Tools, with Beds, Chairs, Table and Bed Linen*, and several Sorts of Household Furniture.

The Creditors of **GEORGE HOME of WHITFIELD** are hereby Advertised to Meet at the Laigh Coffehouse in Edinburgh, upon Thursday the 26th Day of November Inst. at Three of the Clock after Noon; when some Matters of Import are to be under Consideration: And therefore, the TRUSTEES intreat they will punctually attend the Meeting, or send their Doers, with ample Powers to act and do for them.

The **EDINBURGH ASSEMBLY, No. 182**, being the first this Session, is to be on *Thursday next, November 12th. 1730*.

*Just now come Home from FRANCE.*

A Cargo of exceeding good and fresh **CHESNUTS** and **WALNUTS**, fit either for Planting or Eating: To be Sold, at very reasonable Rates, by Mr. **ARCHBALD SHEELS** (and by no Body else in Town) at his Shop at the

*Hand and Orange*, below the Cross, Edinburgh, or at his Warehouse in Leith: At which Shop you may have, good Limons, Scots and Spanish Nuts, and all Kinds of Fruits in Season, Sugars, &c. and every Kind of Grocery Ware.

*Exchequer, Nov. 3, 1730.*

Whereas the Estate of *John Grant* late of *Glenmoriston*, and the Arrears of the Rents of said Estate, together with the Arrears or Rents of the Tenants of the Estate of *William* late *Earl of Seaforth*; were Advertised to be Exposed to Sale in the COURT OF EXCHEQUER by the Right Honourable the BARONS of the said Court, on Wednesday the 11th Instant: These are now to give Notice, by Order of the said BARONS, That they have Adjourned the Sale thereof till Tuesday the Twenty-fourth Instant, in the Exchequer Court, at Twelve of the Clock. Particulars whereof, and of the Terms of Sales, are to be seen in the Hands of the Deputy-Remembrancer.

**JOHN PHILP, D. R. R.**

That on Thursday the Tenth December next, 'twixt the Hours of 3 and 4 after Noon, there is to be Sold to the highest Bidder, by a voluntary Roup, within the House of *William Gray* Vintner in Edinburgh, in Whole or in Parcels; The Lands of *Peasehill, Gallobill, Gallrow, Dobron, Bengore, Easter-Grange, Coultra, Kirkton, Scur, Srogie, Side and Kilburn*; being Part of the Barony of *NAUCHTON*, presently possessed by *George Hay* of Naughton; all lying in the Parish of *Balmerino* and Sheriffdom of *Fife*. The Conditions of the Roup, Rentals, and Progress of the Rights, are to be seen in the Hands of **JAMES HALIBURTON**, Writer to the Signet, at his Chamber above *Durie's Office*, in the Luckenbooths, Edinburgh.

By ADJOURNMENT till November Inst. By the Trustees for **MERCHISTON and LETHEM** their Creditors:

That the Lands of **MOUNT**, lying in the Parish of *Monimel* and Shire of *Fife*, and Teinds of the same, holding Taxward of the Crown, and paying of yearly Rent 733 *£*. 6 *sh*. 8 *d*. Scots Money, and 8 Bolls of Oats. Also, That the Lands of **GLADSTANES** and **GREENSHEILS**, lying in the Parish of *Liberton*, Barony of *Carnwath*, and Shire of *Lanark*, holding Feu of the Laird of *Carnwath* and paying yearly *£*. 1668. 06 08 Scots of Money, and a Chalder and an Half of Meal, and half a Chalder of Bear And also, a **TEMPLE-LAND** in *Lamington*, paying *£*. 16 yearly, and holding of the Earl of *Haddington*. ARE all to be exposed (separately) to Roup and Sale by the said Trustees, on 2d Friday of November Inst. in *Wm. Gray's* Vintner at the Head of *Borthwick's* Close, Edinburgh, betwixt the Hours of 3 & 5 in the Afternoon. The Rentals, Progress, with the Writs and Conditions of Roup of the several Subjects are to be seen in the Hands of **JAMES HALIBURTON**, Writer to the Signet and Clerk to the said Trustees, at his Chamber in the Luckenbooths.

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